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Friday, Nov. 1.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by bro. Wm. Richards, from 1. Cor. 15. 58. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The meeting was then called to order by bro. T. Meredith, 1. Vice President, and opened by prayer by bro. James Thomas.

On motion, brethren David Thomson, Charles W. Skinner, and Allen Bowden, were appointed a committee to supply the stand with preachers during this meeting.

On motion, brethren Alfred Dockery, Peter P. Lawrence, and Joseph B. Outlaw, were appointed a committee to receive the contributions, &c.

The President, Wm. P. Biddle, arrived and took the chair.

Letters, contributions, and delegates, were received from the following societies, churches, and individuals:

COUNTIES.	SOCIETIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Wake,	Wake Union,	John L. Gay,	Wake Forest.
	Wake Forest,	Charles R. Merriam,	Do.
	Raleigh,	James Thomas,	Raleigh.
Cumberland,	Cape Fear Female Society,	Charles McAllister,	Fayetteville.
		Samuel Mimms,	Do.
	Cape Fear Association,	James McDaniel,	Do.
		J. C. Baker, H. Holmes,	
		Elias Davis,	Elizabeth.
Craven,	Newbern,	Thomas Meredith,	Newbern.
		John Armstrong,	Wake Forest.
Lenoir,	South West,	Wm. P. Biddle,	Fort Barnwell.
Edgecomb,	Tarborough,	Joseph J. Finch,	Tarborough.
		P. P. Lawrence,	Do.
		H. Johnson,	Do.
Chatham,	Reeves' Chapel,	John Fooshee,	Pittsboro.'
		John Thompson,	Do.
Richmond,	Cartledge Creek,	Alfred Dockery,	Dockery's Store.
		Henry Thomas,	Do.
	Spring Hill,	Francis Hawley,	Laurel Hill.
	Saron,	Alex. N. Nicholson,	Bostick's Mills.
		Matthew Covington,	Do.
Camden,	Sawyer's Creek,	Q. H. Trotman,	Gates C. H.
Camden,	Shiloh,	John Prichard,	Camden C. H.
Halifax,	Conoconary,	George Powel,	Hilliardston.
Pitt,	Greenville,	Reading S. Blount,	Greenville.
Surry,	Thomas Wright,	Thomas Wright,	Surry C. H.
Iredell,	New Hope,	William Richards,	Poplar Grove.
	Society Church,	Letter by J. Culpeper,	
Davidson,	Holloway's M. H.	Letter by M. D. Freeman,	Jamestown.
	Abbott's Creek,	Do. Do.	

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Davidson,	Lick Creek,	Letter by J. Culpeper,	
	Jersey Settlement,	Do. Do.	
Guilford,	Jamestown,	Do. M. D. Freeman,	Do.
Stokes,	Newfriendship,	Do. Do.	
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	Do. J. Culpeper,	
Mecklinburg,	Charlotte,	Do. J. Thomas,	
Rowan,		Isaac N. Frost,	Salisbury.
Caswell,	County line,	Do. J. Culpeper,	
Montgomery,	Long Creek,	Do. Do.	
Anson,	Rocky River,	Do. Do.	
	Cedar Creek,	Do. Do.	Lilesville.
	Deep Creek,	Do. Do.	Do.
Johnston,	Smithfield,	David Thomson,	Smithfield.
Sampson,		David S. Williams,	Clinton.
Franklin,	Maple Springs,	Allen Bowen,	Louisburg.
Nash,		A. J. Battle,	Nashville.
Northampton,	Potecasy,	John Peele,	Jackson.
Bertie,	Cashie,	Reuben Lawrence,	Windsor.
		J. B. Outlaw,	Do.
		A. J. Spivey,	Do.
Chowan,	Edenton,	John Blount,	Edenton.
Currituck,	Providence,	J. Shaw, Spence Hall,	Currituck C. H
Gates,	Piney Grove,	Letter by Q. Trotman,	Gates C. H.
Pasquotank,	Salem,	George M. Thompson,	Salem.
Hertford,	Parker's M. H.	James Delk,	Murfresboro.'
		Samuel J. Wheeler,	Do.
	Connaritsy,	Letter by Jon. Taylor,	Do.
Haywood,	Waynesville,	Humphrey Posey,	Waynesville.
Perquimans,		Charles W. Skinner,	Hertford.
Duplin,		George Hufham,	Kenansville.

A letter was received from bro. S. Wait, and read, and laid on the table.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that all donations, made to agents and missionaries out of regard *to personal considerations*, and not with respect to services rendered, is individual property; and, consequently, not subject to the claims of the Convention.

On motion, brethren in the Ministry were invited to take seats with us; whereupon bro. George W. Purify took a seat.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we proceed to the election of Officers which resulted as follows:

ALFRED DOCKERY, PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM HOOPER,* } VICE PRESIDENTS,
DAVID THOMSON, }
TURNER CARTER, }
JOHN ARMSTRONG, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
AMOS J. BATTLE, RECORDING SECRETARY,
CHARLES McALLISTER, TREASURER.

On motion, appointed Wm. P. Biddle, Wm. Richards, and J. J. Finch, a committee on Home Missions; T. Meredith, L. Rice, and J. Blount, on Foreign Missions; S. J. Wheeler, J. McDaniel, and C. W. Skinner, on Education; David Thomson, A. J. Spivey, and C. R. Merriam, on the Wake Forest Institute; J. Culpeper, J. Thomas, and G. W. Purify, on Periodical; J. B. Outlaw, T. Meredith, and J. Armstrong, on the

*In place of T. Meredith, resigned.

Agency; J. Peele, Q. H. Trotman, and J. Prichard, on Sabbath Schools; R. Lawrence, J. Peele, and J. Culpeper, on Temperance Societies; R. S. Blount, A. Bowden, and A. N. Nicholson, on the Treasury; J. Pouncy, J. Delk, and S. Hall, on Tracts; A. J. Battle, J. Shaw, and J. N. Frost, to nominate a Board of Managers; J. Armstrong, D. Thomson, and S. J. Wheeler, on arrangements.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Prayer by bro. Q. H. Trotman.

Saturday, Nov. 2.

Met according to adjournment: prayer by bro. Wm. Richards.

On motion, the names of delegates were called.

On motion, the Bye Laws were read.

Visiting brethren in the Ministry invited to sit with us; whereupon bro. Luther Rice took his seat.

On motion, appointed bro. Spence Hall one of the committee on Contributions, instead of Alfred Dockery.

On motion, the agents were requested to report; bro. J Culpeper read his report, which was received, and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See letter A.)

Bro. J. Thomas read his report which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter B.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Board and agents be hereafter required to make their reports on the commencement of each session.

On motion, letters of correspondence from sister Conventions were called for. Bro. John Pouncy handed in one from the South Carolina Convention, which was read, and bro. Pouncy welcomed to a seat with us.

On motion, adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'clock: Prayer by bro. Luther Rice.

Sabbath, Nov. 3.

The services of the day were opened by bro. Wm. P. Biddle, from Luke 11. 13. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" He was followed by J. Armstrong, from Psalm, 1. 1, 2. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful: But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." And the services were closed by Luther Rice, from Luke 22. 15. "And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." Followed by an exhortation by G. W. Thompson, upon which we pray and hope for a divine blessing.

Monday, Nov. 4.

Met at 10 o'clock: Prayer by bro. Pouncy.

On motion, the Board reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter C.)

The Committee on arrangement reported, and report received.

The Committee on Home Missions reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter D.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter E.)

The Committee on Education reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter F.)

The Committee on the Wake Forest Institute reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter G.)

The Committee on Periodical reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter H.)

The Committee on the Agency reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter I.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter K.)

The Committee on Temperance Societies reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter L.)

The Committee on Tracts reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter M.)

The Committee to nominate a Board of Managers reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter N.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention recommend the Hymn Book, entitled "Dossey's Choice," 4th Edition, to the churches throughout the State as a standard work, and as well adapted to the wants of the denomination.

Whereas the *Baptist Edition* of the Comprehensive Commentary, edited by Rev. Jos. A. Warne, near Boston, is believed to be better adapted to the wants of our people in this State, than any other work attainable at so low a price, therefore, *Resolved*, That the said work be hereby recommended to the attention and patronage of our brethren.

On motion, *Resolved*, That some member of this body be appointed to preach a Conventional Sermon, on some specified subject, at our next meeting.

Whereas bro. Humphrey Posey has generously resigned his compensation for three months' service, on condition that he receive the amount of ten dollars in Tracts,—*Resolved*, That his proposition be hereby complied with.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Agency be appointed to present to this body a condensed view of the Missionary operations, proposed to be performed the ensuing year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next session of the Convention be held at Union Camp-ground, in Rowan County, four miles North of Mocksville.

Resolved, That 1500 copies of the minutes of this meeting be printed; and that bro. T. Meredith be requested to print them, and to send one copy to each member of this body, and also to each of the subscribers to the Interpreter, in this State.

Adjourned: Prayer by bro. J. Culpeper.

Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Met at 10 o'clock: Prayer by bro. T. Meredith.

In as much as it has pleased the Head of the Church to remove our

highly esteemed and much beloved brother, Dr. Stephen Graham,—*Resolved*, That this body hereby express their deep sense of his worth, and of the great loss which the Convention, the Institute, and the Denomination, have respectively sustained by his death.

Further *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to address, in behalf of the Convention, a letter of condolence to his bereaved family, expressing its sympathy in their affliction.

On motion, appointed brethren Samuel Wait, Thomas Meredith, and Amos J. Battle, delegates to represent this body in the next Triennial Meeting of the Baptist General Convention of the United States, to be held in Richmond, Va., on the last Wednesday in April, 1835.

On motion, appointed brethren Luther Rice, Wm. Hooper, T. Meredith, John Armstrong, Wm. P. Biddle, and D. Thomson, delegates, from this body to bear a letter of correspondence to the South Carolina Convention, to be held at Barnwell Court House, on Saturday before the second Lord's-day in December, 1834.

On motion, appointed brethren James McDaniel, George M. Thompson, Wm. P. Biddle, J. M. Craig, and Q. H. Trotman, delegates from this body to bear a letter of correspondence to the Virginia Baptist General Association, to be held at Richmond, on Saturday before the last Wednesday in April, 1835.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention, pay the following sums, to the following persons for services rendered this body the past year:—

That is, to	John Culpeper,	agent,	the sum of		$262. 50
Do	do	James Thomas,	do	do	247. 50
Do	do	William J. Finley,	missionary,	do	60. 00
Do	do	William Kimsey,	do	do	40. 00
Do	do	George Purify,	do	do	15. 00
Do	do	Elias Davis,	do	do	60. 00
Do	do	William Richards,	do	do	60. 00
Do	do	Mills Piland,	do	do	12. 00

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer forward to the Treasurer of the American Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, the sum received at this meeting to be appropriated to that object.

The Committee to nominate Agents and Missionaries for the ensuing year, reported, which, after some alteration, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the following brethren be appointed agents, to perform each 6 months' service, in the portions of territory respectively appropriated to each; namely, James Thomas, in that district lying west of the Yadkin, taking in also the county of Surry: John Culpeper Sen., in that lying between the Yadkin and the Cape Fear, including also the counties of Chatham, Orange, Person, and Caswell: Wm. J. Finley, in that lying between the Cape Fear and the Tar, embracing also the counties of Halifax and Northampton; and Geo. M. Thompson, in that included between the last named boundary and the Atlantic.

Resolved, further, That the above agents, be allowed a compensation of 75 cts. per day

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed to perform itinerant service during the ensuing year in the following order:—

Mills Piland, for 12 months, in the 1st and 2nd Sections, embracing the nine counties north and east of the Roanoke, with the addition of Hyde, Tyrrel, Washington, Martin, Pitt, Beaufort, and that part of Craven on the north of Neuse River:

Wm. J. Finley, for 6 months, in the 3d Section, including the counties of Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Duplin, New Hanover, and that part of Craven lying on the south side of Neuse River:

Elias Davis, for 6 months, in the 4th Section, including the counties of Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Sampson, and Robeson:

Malthus D. Freeman, for 12 months, in the 5th and 7th Sections, including the counties of Johnston, Cumberland, Richmond, Moore, Wake, Chatham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Caswell:

Tho. Crocker, for 6 months, in the 6th Section, embracing the counties of Greene, Wayne, Edgecomb, Nash, Halifax, Warren, and Franklin:

Eli Phillips, for 6 months, in the 8th Section, including the counties of Randolph, Guilford, Rockingham, Davidson, and Stokes:

Paul Phifer, for 6 months, in the 9th Section, embracing the counties of Anson, Montgomery, Mecklinburgh, Cabarrus, and Rowan:

Wm. Richards, for 6 months, in the 10th Section, including the counties of Iredell, Surry, Wilkes, and Ashe:

Wm. Kimsey, for 6 months, in the 11th Section, embracing the counties of Lincoln, Rutherford, Burke, and that part of Buncombe lying east of the French Broad river:

Wm. Haynes, for 6 months in the 12th Section, including all west of the French Broad.

Resolved, further, That the above missionaries receive a compensation of $20 per month, they paying the expenses incurred by travelling.

As the funds of the Convention do not justify an unconditional appointment to the extent above stated, and as it is hoped and believed that the churches and sections of country deriving aid from the labours of our missionaries will contribute liberally to their support, therefore, *Resolved*, That the above appointments shall be valid on *condition* that the missionaries shall bring the Convention in debt, over and above the contributions received by them, not exceeding a ratio of $25 for 6 months; if otherwise, the appointments shall stand void.

Resolved, That bro. Piland, in consequence of the peculiarly heavy expenses arising from ferries, bridges, &c. in the eastern counties, shall be allowed *extra* pay to the amount of $5 per month.

The Committee on Contributions reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter O.)

The Committee on the Treasury reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter P.)

On motion, appointed bro. John Armstrong to preach the Conventional Sermon at 11 o'clock on Saturday of our next meeting.

On motion, appointed bro. George M. Thompson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and A. J. Battle to be his alternate.

On motion, appointed bro. T. Meredith to preach on Sabbath in be-

half of the Convention, and that James McDaniel be his alternate.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place previously specified.

ALFRED DOCKERY, Pres.
A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Sec.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Tuesday evening 3 o'clock.

The Board was called to order by Alfred Dockery President.

Members present, DAVID THOMSON, TURNER CARTER, } VICE PRESIDENTS, JOHN ARMSTRONG, COR. SECRETARY, A. J. BATTLE, REC. SECRETARY.

Wm. P. Biddle, James McDaniel, Allen Bowden, A. J. Spivey, Jos. B. Outlaw, Louis Bond, George W. Hufham, T. Meredith, A. M. Craig, and Samuel J. Wheeler.

On motion, the sum of fifty dollars from the education fund was appropriated to pay the expenses of bro. W. Jones, beneficiary at the Institute.

Bro. E. F. H. Johnston was introduced to the Board as a candidate for reception as a beneficiary; and, upon a satisfactory examination into his christian experience, call to the Ministry, and his doctrinal sentiments, was received and directed to enter as a student at the Institute, at the commencement of next session.

No other business coming before the Board, it adjourned to the 22d December next, at the Wake Forest Institute.

ALFRED DOCKERY, Pres.
A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Sec.

(A.)

REPORT OF J. CULPEPER, Sen., Agent.

Elder John Armstrong, Cor. Sec. of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

Dear Brother,—The time has arrived when you will of course expect some account of my labours during the last year, for the use of the Convention. Shortly after the close of the last meeting of your body, I proceeded to the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina; where brother Charles M'Allister, J. M. Allen, and myself, were cordially received, and enjoyed a pleasant, and we trust, a profitable interview with our brethren. We had an opportunity of explaining the several objects of your body, and describing our progress in their accomplishment. Our brethren appointed several messengers to represent them in your body. In returning, I visited some of the churches in the counties of Mecklinburg, Cabarrus, Montgomery, Rowan, and Davidson; and immediately commenced another tour in concert with brother James Thomas, in the lower end of the State. I visited the counties of Richmond, Robeson, Columbus, Horry in South Carolina, where some of the churches belonging to the Cape Fear Association were situated, Brunswick, Onslow, Newhanover, Lenoir, Green, Edgecomb, Nash, Johnson, Wayne, Sampson, and Bladen, and returned home in the latter part of March. Early in April I set out on

another tour through the counties of Moore, Chatham, and the western part of Wake, to meet brother Thomas at the meeting of the Board at Wake Forest in May. After the close of that meeting, I travelled in concert with brother Thomas through the upper and western parts of the State. I visited the counties of Granville, Person, Caswell, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry and Ashe. Returning, I visited the churches in Wilkes, some in Iredell, Davidson, and Rowan. Since that period, I have spent my time in visiting the churches in the counties of Anson, Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, Davidson, Mecklinburg, and Richmond. I have travelled 350 days ; preached 233 sermons ; attended, and assisted in administering the Lord's supper six times ; assisted in three ordinations ; have attended four protracted meetings, and several others of two or three days ; and three Associations. I have at all times, and on all occasions, been careful to preach the gospel ; and in an affectionate manner to explain the objects of the Convention, and of the Wake Forest Institute. While travelling within the limits of the Contentnea, Kehukee, Countryline, Mayo, Fisher's River, Abbott's Creek, and Bear Creek Associations, where we have been much misrepresented, and the people much opposed to what they erroneously conceived to be our plans, I have pursued a course in some measure different from some of my friends. Believing many of our opposing brethren to be well meaning but misguided men ; who, when they know our real aims, will abandon their opposition, and come to the help of the Lord against the mighty, I have been much more solicitous to explain our real views, and describe our progress in their accomplishment, than I have been to form societies or make collections. I have left not a few warm friends, who were at my first interview, zealous opposers ; and have found every intelligent person with whom I have conversed, highly pleased with the proceedings and progress of the Wake Forest Institute. In some of the churches the state of religion is very low ; but in many others, a glorious work is progressing, and extending its reforming, powerful, and harmonizing influence through the different grades of society. Hundreds and thousands are bowing in obedience to the Redeemer's standard, from the grey headed father, to the children in the Sabbath School of twelve years of age.

We have ascertained that there are in our State 27 Associations ; and three others partly in our State and partly in South Carolina. Nineteen of these Associations approve of, and encourage the Institutions of the day. In these nineteen associations, 4278 persons have been added by baptism during the last Associational year. The other eight Associations are generally opposed to all the benevolent Institutions patronized by us. In five of these bodies who publish their numbers, 180 have been baptized ; some of the others do not publish their numbers. By comparing the number baptized, with the deaths and exclusions, our opposing brethren appear from their minutes for 1833, to have *diminished*, though the diminution is very small: In the missionary and anti-missionary Associations 4458 persons were baptized in the year 1833. We have seen but few of the minutes for 1834 ; but from the few we have seen . the increase appears to be nearly the same as last year. In these 27 Associations, including the three, of which part are in North and South Carolina, there are, it is confidently believed, nearly, if not fully, 30,000 Baptist communicants. In the unassociated churches we have not ascertained the number baptized, nor their whole number ; but it must have been considerable. Nor should it be forgotten that there are in many, if not in all our congregations, many truly pious persons who are not attached to any church. Not a few of these approve of our proceedings, and are ready and willing to afford us

aid. We have therefore abundant reason to thank God and take courage. Probably no person who was present at the formation of the Convention, or our first annual meeting, expected to see, at this early period, what we now witness—arrangements made to send the Gospel to nearly all the destitute parts of our own State, and affording no inconsiderable assistance to our Missionary brethren, who are travelling and preaching the Gospel to the benighted heathen in our own, and in foreign lands; a manual labor School established, possessing the confidence of the community,—offering instruction to seventy promising, and many of them, we hope, truly pious youth; and also affording gratuitous instruction to several of our young brethren in the ministry; and possessing ample funds for the instruction of more should they need it, and make the proper application. There are more than thirteen thousand dollars subscribed, and a part of it paid, for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the accommodation of the teachers, and students at the Wake Forest Institute. We may truly say that the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. But our work is not done. It is fully commenced, and our plans are in successful operation. One wrong step may produce much injury, if not entirely prevent the accomplishment of our purposes.

That you, my dear brother, and that every member of the Convention may be permitted to bear some humble, but successful part, as instruments in the hands of God in promoting and accomplishing all our laudable objects, is the fervant prayer of your friend and brother.

J. CULPEPER, Agent.

(B.)

REPORT OF JAMES THOMAS, Agent.

Tarborough, Oct. 30th, 1834.

Elder John Armstrong, Cor. Sec. of the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

Dear Brother,—Through you, I now proceed to give a brief account of my labours in North Carolina during this year, for the use of the Convention which I serve. And in doing this, I will first remark, that I have adhered strictly to the directions given the agents by the committee of arrangements for that purpose. I have made it my first object to preach the word of life; and then to explain and recommend to the notice of all, the different objects of the Convention. I have urged to the utmost of my ability their friendly co-operation with us in our work of love; the result of which is to be seen and known hereafter. From the state of things at the last Convention, and from the progress that all the plans of the body had made, with the success of the former agent in suppressing error, and in calling up the aid of many to the good work of the Lord, I thought it important that the next agents should visit, as soon as possible, all the churches in the State and secure their assistance; and to this object I have, with my venerable brother Culpeper, devoted my whole time and attention; except about five weeks which I spent in South Carolina. During those five weeks I was engaged in making preparations to serve your body,—in visiting the Baptist State Convention of S. C.,—and the Welch Neck Association, together with several protracted meetings, where much good seemed to have been effected. In commencing my services for the Convention, I first visited the eastern and then the western parts of the State. During the journey, I travelled about four thousand miles; have visited most of the towns, churches, and villages in 44 counties, to whose inhabitants I have endeavored to preach, in my weak way, upwards of 400 sermons; and have often seen and felt the blessing resulting therefrom, for which I desire ever to feel grateful to Him, from whom all blessings

row. My appointments have been well distributed and generally well attended. During the year I have constituted four new churches, which are now doing well. One, at Lumberton, has increased from 25 to nearly 80 members, and is still in a thriving state. I have aided in five ordinations, and in seven administrations of the sacrament. I have baptized sixty-four individuals upon a profession of their faith in Christ; and have assisted in receiving the experience of more than a hundred others. While I have taken great interest in the promotion of the three leading objects of the Convention, I have not neglected to labour for the advancement of the cause of the Redeemer, by encouraging the benevolent institutions peculiar to our age: particularly those of Tracts, of Temperance, and of Sabbath Schools. In the course of the year I have distributed and sold 120,000 pages of tracts, together with 150 copies of the fourth edition of Dossey's Choice, which is now before the public for sale. I have assisted in forming 5 Sabbath Schools, in different places. This good cause is enlightening the minds and reforming the morals of many of our youth. The most of our churches have turned their attention to this subject, while a few are yet lukewarm, and rather frown upon the matter. Temperance now exerts a wonderfull influence against the great enemy of the cause of truth and righteousness. In many parts of this State where thousands of gallons of ardent spirits were once made and used, there now abounds a spirit of sobriety. The east end of the State, so far as I can judge, now suffers most from the ravages of this common enemy. But the friends of temperance are up and doing. Some are wielding their pens and lifting the warning voice against the mighty foe. I have found but two villages west of the Roanoke, that have not a temperance society. Not only christians, but many others now lend their aid and influence to this work.

About 125 dollars have been handed to me by different churches and individuals, for the use of the Convention; the amount, with the names of donors, will be seen in another part of the minutes; except the names of a few children, servants, and individuals, who have given some small sums in crowds, when it was out of my power to get their names. It has been my course generally to form subscriptions, embracing the three objects of the Convention, and leave them with such churches and individuals as seemed willing to aid us. About 24 dollars have been handed to me as a present to myself from different individuals, for which I desire to feel grateful; half of the amount I have cast into the treasury of the Lord to aid you in your good work. I have found that the labours of the former agent, with those of many of the missionaries of your body, have been much blessed in awakening sinners to a sense of their ruined state, and in rearing up the cause of Christ through the whole State. More than a thousand sermons have been preached in the State, by those sent out by the Convention, during this year. Special seasons of refreshing have been felt in many places under the labours of those friendly to missions. It is clearly seen that all those churches and religious bodies opposed to practical godliness and the missionary enterprise, are lean and dry like Gideon's fleece; while those decidedly friendly are growing and flourishing like the rose. This fact will be clearly seen by referring to the minutes of the different Associations. The spirit of opposition is, I think, rapidly yielding to the light of truth. I have heard but few individuals speak openly against the objects of the Convention; and I find those generally to be men, who were never at the Convention to see its movements, and who take not the Interpreter, nor are in the habit of reading the proceedings of the Convention.

In conclusion, I would say, we have great reason to thank God for his

distinguishing favour bestowed on all the movements of your body.—Through you, my dear brother, I tender my thanks to the Convention for the attention and kindness shown to me. May the great Head of the church bless all our efforts for his own glory.

With great respect, I am &c., JAMES THOMAS, Agent.

(C.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board, in tendering their fourth annual report, feel sensibly affected with gratitude to the great Head of the church, for the blessing which has attended their efforts during the year that is past. At the last meeting of the Convention, the State was divided into twelve districts, and in each of which, a missionary was appointed, whose duty was to visit all the churches, and to labour especially in word and doctrine, in the more destitute regions of his district.

From brother Posey, of Macon county, a very encouraging letter has been received. He observes, " In three months I have preached ninety-one sermons. The effect I trust has been good. I have generally had as large congregations as could be expected, and the people have generally appeared very tender. Mourners have come forward at nearly every call. Some have been enabled to rejoice in the Saviour, and have been baptized. I have not met with any opposition, but on the contrary, have been received cordially by my brethren, and am inclined to believe that all they need is information, in order to cause them to unite in the benevolent plans of the Convention."

Brother Kimsey, of Buncombe county, another of the missionaries, writes, that he has met with much opposition, but is by no means disposed to despair. He observes, " Strange as it may appear, I have found many who are total strangers to the ordinance of baptism, having never seen it administered, or heard it explained according to the gospel."

Brother Richards, of Iredell, writes, that he has travelled for the Convention ninety-three days, and observes, "I can certainly say that the cause of the Convention is gaining ground in this section of country. The Lord was pleased to bless my labours, and I have had indeed some precious seasons."

From other missionaries interesting details have been received. From some, however, who were appointed to preach in behalf of the Convention, no returns have been received.

The beneficiaries of the Board are pursuing their studies at Wake Forest Institute. Brother Jones has already made some considerable advance in acquiring a classical education. He is represented by brother Wait, as an amiable young man, ardently pious and uncommonly studious. Brothers Edwards and Pierce were received by the Board, at its meeting in May last. Brother Edwards is now at the Institute, and successfully pursuing a course of studies marked out by the principal. Brother Pierce, owing to some peculiar circumstances, has not been able, as yet, to enter the Institute ; but he is expected to do so at the commencement of the next term. The Board are happy in stating, that the education fund is now ample, and that several other young ministers might be sustained without embarrassment. The Board would add that prosperity attends all the objects of the Convention.

In March, 1830, the Convention was organized at Greenville. It was then an infant indeed. Opposition all around us was exceedingly violent; but the few who had united at that important period, put their trust in the great Head of the church, and in his fear and strength they commen-

red a slow, but steady advance. The first anniversary removed many of our apprehensions, animated our courage, and furnished us with strong evidence, that we should finally triumph over all opposition. Many excellent brethren came up to the help of the Lord. The measures adopted renewed our confidence in the cause in which we were engaged, and the unanimity which prevailed, strengthened our assurance that God was with us. The next year we found our strength still increasing. Many of our brethren who had been in the opposition, became convinced of their error, and came up to our help. During the meeting at Reaves' Chapel, it pleased the Lord to pour out his spirit upon the people; and the church from great feebleness has become a vigorous and active body. During that meeting the Convention adopted efficient measures for bringing into existence a literary Institution, adapted to the wants, and auxiliary to the objects of the Convention. At our last meeting, held at Dockery's meeting house, we rejoiced to see that our march was still onward,—that from the feebleness of infancy, we had reached the strength and vigor of youth. During the year that had passed, our missionaries had laboured with success; new churches had been established; the objects of the Convention had become better known, and more extensively approved; a farm for the Institution had been purchased, and every thing which the Convention had touched had prospered. The Lord indeed had done wonderful things for us, and while we rejoiced, we blessed his holy name,—for he had smiled upon our active zeal.

And now here we are again—assembled in the name and in the fear of the great Head of the church. As a Convention we have been in existence four years, and we may well say, *What has God wrought?* The past year has exceeded all others. Our missionaries and agents have traversed the whole State; and revivals have, in many places, followed their labours. During the past year, about 5000 persons have been baptized; and the denomination is rapidly increasing in strength, respectability and usefulness. The Institute commenced operations in February, and in Septemtember there were 70 students. Upon these young men the Lord has recently poured out his spirit; and we have reason to believe that from 35 to 40 have been hopefully converted to the truth. And the sons of some of the members of the Convention are among the blessed. We may all exclaim with gratitude and with joy, "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." Some of us asked for a blessing; others for a great blessing; and God poured out upon us an exceeding great blessing.

During the last four years much has been done,—the denomination has considerably increased,—it has, to some extent, combined its energies,—and is now exerting an influence, which must tend to promote the everlasting interests of thousands in our State. But much, very much, remains for us to do. There are many places in the State, which may with great truth be styled desert; where the rose never blossoms, where the flower never buds,—the brier and the thorn grow there. There are many places which once flourished like the garden spot, and brought forth fruit to the glory of God, but alas! the baleful, the withering influence of antinomianism, has produced desolation and death; and though they were once like the paradise of God, they now look as if the pestilence had poured upon them. The fruit has been blighted in the bud, even the green leaf has become dry, and now the rank weed and the tall thistle grow there. But while our eyes rest upon these unpromising spots in our State, we are not discouraged; for we behold labourers, active and successful, sent out by the Convention, who will never cease in their toil, until the whole land

is under happy cultivation, and the whole fruit be such as the great Head of the church will approve and accept.

The Board will close the report by adding, that, in the Convention is the hope of the denomination. It is collecting the pious, the intelligent, the active Baptists of the State, and combining their strength for the good of mankind, and the glory of God. JOHN ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.

(D.)

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on the subject of Home Missions, beg leave to report as follows:—

Viewing calmly the highly favoured State which we inhabit, we are presented with a widely extended and interesting Society of our order, and also with thousands of our fellow creatures going down to ruin. We profess to have received the truth in the love of it, and to be animated with the sympathising and benevolent principle of Divine charity. The question naturally arises, what can be done—what ought we to do?—In reviewing the Minutes and history of our denomination in our own State, we find that it has ever been a matter of solicitude with our brethren of the past generation, how they could best promote "Itinerant" preaching throughout their several Associations and Districts. It has been, and still is, a matter of anxious solicitude with ourselves, how we may best promote Itinerant or Missionary preaching amongst us. We perceive that the harvest is great and the labourers are few; and that there is a great call for ministerial labour and exertion. We lament to find so much diversity of opinion amongst our brethren on this subject;—but if we wait for unanimity of sentiment, we shall be called from our listless inactivity to account for our stewardship, and thousands of our fellow men pass into eternity unprepared, and nothing done.

Our churches are some of them destitute, others cold and declining, with the walls of discipline broken down, some pastors cold and backsliden, and the flocks scattered; error, with its many heads, introduced by false teachers, professing to be preachers of the everlasting Gospel, and too many, alas! corrupted from the simplicity of the truth. And also, sinners perishing for the lack of knowledge. One of our Missionaries, who rode and preached in the West end of the State this year, reports that he met with a woman seventy years old, who had never heard a Baptist before, and a young woman who had never heard a prayer, and appeared abashed and shrunk away on the occasion: his soul was melted, he sat down and wept.

With due deference and great earnestness we recommend, that the twelve sections laid out last year through the State and partly attended to, be occupied the succeeding year by the careful appointment of a Minister for each district, to travel and preach throughout the whole year, if practicable. That he be not strictly limited to his section, but left to his own option and discretion in such cases. That he should receive money when offered to him, and keep and return to the Board an account of the same, but in no case solicit a donation. That it is his business, and should be his constant practice to preach the glorious gospel in its purity—and wherever it is desired or required, affectionately, in a brotherly spirit, to explain the objects of this meeting, and with much patience and meekness, endeavour to soothe the minds and calm the fears of those opposing themselves, striving to bring and to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; for we know that our sole object is the glory of God and the good of Zion. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. P. BIDDLE. *Chairman*

(E.)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to present the following Report:—

The aspect of our various missions, in this department, has never been more favourable than it is at present. The recent completion of the translation of the Scriptures into the Burman language; the intrepid and successful operations of brethren Kincaid and Cutter at Ava; the liberal distribution of tracts in many of the most populous parts of the empire; and the earnest and unprecedented spirit of inquiry recently excited among the Burman people; added to the judicious and persevering efforts of the brethren at Rangoon, Maulmein, and other places; and the late accessions made to the missionary forces in that country by recent appointments;—altogether present a scene of interest and encouragement never before witnessed in the Burman Empire. And, as an intimation that results of the utmost moment will follow, it may be mentioned that several flourishing and effective churches have been constituted, in connexion with which upwards of five hundred persons have been baptized, in this dark, idolatrous land.

The mission recently established at Bankok, in Siam, through which, it is believed, the gospel may shortly be introduced in the vast empire of China, has commenced under highly auspicious circumstances, and promises a field of extensive and successful labour.

The mission in France, though severely chastened by the death of our late highly esteemed brother Rostan, is still progressing auspiciously under the superintendance of his successor.

Within a year a Baptist church has been constituted in Hamburg, in Germany, and a Mr. Onken, a minister of the Gospel lately belonging to another denomination, has been baptized and ordained, and installed as their pastor.

The above is a condensed and imperfect outline of the state of our Foreign Missions, down to the latest accounts. We should be pleased to go more into detail, but our limits forbid.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. MEREDITH, *Chairman.*

(F.)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee on education ask leave to report, That they have given the subject submitted to their consideration a careful investigation. They are fully aware of its importance, and believe that it will be the lever by which, with divine aid, our denomination will be raised from their inactivity to a stand of exalted usefulness.

The education fund is now ample. For particulars on this subject reference may be had to the report of the Board. Objects for the disposition of this fund are now needed. There are many young men who have engaged in the ministry, belonging to our Church, who need and desire an education; but, owing to a lack of encouragement, they have not taken active steps to avail themselves of the advantages of a regular course of study. There are many brethren who have been engaged for years in the ministry, whose usefulness is, in a great measure, curtailed by the want of an education. The Committee are personally acquainted with instances of this kind. Some are detained at home by dependent families; and we would recommend the churches to which such brethren may belong, that they should take steps for the support of the families of these brethren.

while they may be pursuing their studies. Should the Church to which a brother may belong feel unable to aid his family, then let the Union Meeting to which the Church may belong, lend their aid. Independent of the reasons which might be urged against this support coming from the Board, such as the inconvenience of families residing at the Institute, there are considerations which render the compliance of the suggestion here made desirable. It would prove a more certain means of securing the labours of those brethren who may be aided, and it would attach them more to the church or churches that may assist them.

The Wake Forest Institute continues to progress, fulfilling the most sanguine expectations of its friends, and we doubt not, will soon give us plain proof of its increasing usefulness. A little time since a most cheering revival of religion broke out among the students, and its glorious fruits, we trust, are destined greatly to aid in the accomplishment of the objects contemplated by the Convention. Already has the signal of divine approbation had the effect of dispelling the doubt of many who stood aloof from us, and secured their good wishes and cordial co-operation.

S. J. WHEELER, Chairman.

(G.)

REPORT ON THE INSTITUTE.

The Committee on the Wake Forest Institute ask leave to report:—

That since the meeting of the Convention in November, 1833, the Institution has gone into operation, and its success thus far has exceeded the hopes of its most sanguine friends. It commenced about the first of February last, with about twenty-five students, which number continued to increase until August, when the number had reached seventy; at which time, for want of houses for the accommodation of the students, the Trustees found it necessary to give notice that no more could be admitted until the first of February next. An examination of the students of the Institution took place in August last. The report of the Examining Committee speaks in the highest terms of the proficiency of the students, growing out of the untiring zeal of its Principal, the Rev. Samuel Wait, as well as the active energies of the minds of the students, produced from the salutary effect of from one to two hours' labour each day, giving strength and health to their bodies, and vigor to their minds. The great proficiency of the students, in the various branches of studies, and the cheerfulness with which they all engage in the labour department of the school, leave it no longer problematical that there is great utility in uniting moderate labour with study. If but temporary buildings, which are now going up, can be made ready in time, your Committee are in possession of information to be relied on, that next session will commence with one hundred students. The publick are aware of the many and peculiar advantages of the Institution, and its friends have now every thing to hope, and nothing to fear. As the Institution is the legitimate offspring of the Convention, and had its management until setting up for itself under an act of incorporation, your Committee would still recommend it to the fostering care of the Convention. Your Committee cannot close this report without referring to the blessed fact of the late revival among the students of the Institution. We say blessed, because few such incidents are to be found in the annals of history. That it should please God, in such an almost miraculous manner, to pour out his spirit upon so many, so young, by such feeble means, in so short a period, to the coversion, and we hope, final salvation of about forty souls; but such are the facts, and though to us they may appear won-

derful, yet we rejoice in their result, and take courage in the belief that God, in his good providence, is already rewarding the labour of those who have toiled to put the Institution into operation, by thus early bringing to a knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus, those whose happy lot it has been to be placed in the Wake Forest Institute.

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID THOMSON, Chairman.

(H.)

REPORT ON THE PERIODICAL.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Periodical, has had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:—

It will be recollected by the Convention, that at our session, held at Reaves' Chapel, we agreed to extend our patronage to a monthly periodical, then published in Edenton, by brother T. Meredith, to be called the Baptist Interpreter: That at our last session held at Carthledges Creek, upon a careful inspection of the numbers published, we gave it as our opinion, that the confidence of the Convention was not misplaced, that the paper had met with universal approbation, and we then unhesitatingly recommended it to the patronage of the Convention, and that renewed efforts be made to procure for it a still wider circulation. Since that it has been more extensively circulated, and your committee believe it has produced much good in removing the unfounded prejudices of our well meaning but misguided brethren, and diffusing correct information. But experience proves that a monthly paper, however well conducted, is insufficient for our purpose; and as we fear a monthly and a weekly paper cannot be sustained by us, we recommend that a weekly paper be published by our brother T. Meredith, and as many of our brethren in S. C. have patronized bro. Meredith's paper, we recommend that it be published in some central position of our State, and more convenient to our brethren in South Carolina than its present location, as soon as circumstances will justify such a course.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. CULPEPER, Chairman.

(I.)

REPORT ON THE AGENCY.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Agency, beg leave to report:—

That in the opinion of your Committee, the history of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina, most manifestly shows, that its success is to be resolved into the efforts of the Agents under the blessing of God.

The difficulties which met the Convention at its commencement, have not yet all been removed; the same arguments, therefore, that urged the appointment of an Agent, at an early period of the existence of the body, may now, with equal propriety, be adduced in favor of a reappointment.

Much ignorance in relation to the objects, much prejudice in relation to the measures, and much listlessness in relation to the efforts of the Convention, must be removed. It is true, much has been effected in correcting errors and in promoting the interests of truth; but much still remains to be done. Your Committee, indeed, believe that the interests of the Convention, depend largely upon the exertions of the Agency, and therefore most earnestly recommend that it be continued.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

JOS. B. OUTLAW, Chairman.

(K.)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee feel deeply sensible of the negligence that has hitherto prevailed in our churches, on the important subject of Sabbath Schools. While we believe that Sabbath Schools have been greatly blessed of the Lord, and that many of their pupils have been made the subjects of divine grace, and useful and efficient members of our churches, we therefore think that we can not too highly recommend immediate attention to the subject, and that our active and intelligent brethren use suitable means to procure proper books, with such other facilities as may be in their power for the promotion and prosperity of a work, which we believe to be so intimately connected with the prosperity of Zion. Which we respectfully submit.

JOHN PEELE, Chairman.

(L.)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, deem the Temperance Society as one of great importance, and find the subject was, by the Convention at its last session, recommended to the patronage of all religious and philanthropic individuals. Since that period, many new Societies have been formed in our churches for the promotion of this all important object, and large accessions have been made to the Societies formerly in existence in our churches, and the amount of good effected by these Societies, and the exertions of the members, and friends of the temperance reform, has been very great. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that renewed, increasing, and united efforts be made by all the friends of humanity in our Churches and Societies, to increase the number and extend the influence of the Temperance Societies. All which is respectfully submitted.

REUBEN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

(M.)

REPORT ON TRACTS.

The Committee on Tracts, beg leave to report:—

That they have had the subject under consideration, and from the evidence furnished by the Baptist General Tract Society, of the great moral influence produced by its publications in Canada, Germany, and among the Gentiles of the East, as well as in our own land of disenthraldom, and believing that those silent preachers, (as they have been significantly styled) are calculated to remove the film of prejudice from the mental eye of many opposed to the cause of Zion, and the peculiar tenets of our own Church—we, your Committee, would therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the different Churches of our denomination throughout this State, the propriety of forming Societies auxiliary to the Baptist General Tract Society, and that the members of this Convention be requested to exert their influence, in their respective neighbourhoods, to carry into operation the first clause of this resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. A. POUNCEY, Chairman.

(N.)

REPORT ON NOMINATION.

Your Committee to nominate a Board of Managers, beg leave to recommend the brethren as follow:

Wm. P. Biddle,	Wm. H. Merritt,
James McDaniel,	M. A. Outen,
John C. Baker,	Noah Richardson,
James Wiseman,	Allen S. Winn,
David S. Williams,	Wm. Crenshaw,
Ransom Sanders,	John Purify,
Allen Bowden,	Andrew M. Craig,
Archibald Davis,	James King,
John Fooshee,	James C. Stevenson,
Charles W. Skinner,	Wm. H. Jordan,
Aaron J. Spivey,	George Fennell,
Joseph B. Outlaw,	Redding S. Blount,
Louis Bond,	Joseph Spurgin,
George W. Hufham,	Larkin Terry,
Thomas Meredith,	Samuel J. Wheeler.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. BATTLE, CHAIRMAN

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties	Contributions.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
Wake,	Wake Union,	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
	Raleigh,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	Samuel Wait,	3 00	3 00	4 00	10 00
	William Roles,	2 50	2 50	2 50	7 50
	Lucy Roles,	84			84
	Catharine Roles,	83			83
	Emily Terrell,	83			83
	Samuel Green,		1 00		1 00
	Lewis Hendon,		1 00		1 00
	Henderson Owen,		3 00		3 00
	R. Owen,		25		25
	Mary B. Worrell,	50			50
	Catharine Worrell,	05			05
	E. Hightower,	1 00			1 00
	Mrs. Jones,		50		50
	Black Servant Milly,	50			50
	Miss Medly,	80			80
	Martha P. Perry,		3 00		3 00
	A. Davis,	25			25
Cumbl'd.	Cape Fear Female Soc'y.	1 67	19 00		20 67
	Cape Fear Association,	17 30	30 90	6 50	54 70
	" " African Missions,		2 73		2 73
Craven,	Newbern,	5 25	5 25	5 25	15 75
	" a Youth,	5 00			5 00
	Samuel Simpson,	10 00			10 00
Lenoir.	South West,	3 00	2 50	4 50	10 00
Edgec'b	Tarborough,	10 00	13 00	10 00	33 "
	Sister Parker,	1 00			1 "
	" Battle,	1 00			1 "
Chath'm	John Fooshee,	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 "
	Reeves Chapel,	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 "
Richm'd	Carthledge Creek,	18 50	35 00	23 50	77 "
	Saron,	2 75	13 00	5 50	21 25
	Spring Hill,	4 50	21 00	4 75	30 25
	S. Pate and D. Pate,		2 00		2 00
	John McNair,		1 00		1 00
	Alfred Dockery,	1 00		1 00	2 00
	Mrs. Reys,		1 00		1 00
Franklin	Maple Spring,	2 25	8 00	4 50	14 75
Nash,	Nashville,	3 00	3 00	4 00	10 00
Johnston	Smithfield,	7 00	3 00	6 00	16 00
Bertie,	Cashie,	18 50	10 00	1 50	30 00
	Elijah Rayner,	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
	Stephen Basemore,			2 50	2 50
	Sandy Run,	1 75	1 75	1 75	5 25
Montg'y,	Long Creek,	1 34	1 33	1 33	4 00
Davids'n	Jersey Settlement,	6 21	6 21	6 21	18 63
	Halloways,	2 00	5 65	2 35	10 00
	Abbotts Creek,	3 25	7 30	25	10 80
	Lick Creek,	4 25	4 25	1 50	10 00
Anson,	Rocky River,	2 00	6 00	2 00	10 00
	Cedar Creek,	5 00	10 00	3 00	18 00

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Anson,	Deep Creek,	2 00	10 00	1 25	13 25
	Jesse Saulter,		5 "		5 00
	Mr. Holliman,	5 00	5 "		10 "
	L. G. Darden,	2 00			2 "
	Mrs. Darden,	2 00			2 "
Sampson	Rowan Church,	3 00	7 "		10 "
Chowan,	Edenton,	5 00		5 00	10 "
Currit'ck	Providence Church,	3 25	4 25	3 75	11 25
	Sam'l Ferebee, a revolutionary soldier, gave his pension one year,	20 00	20 00	30 00	70 00
Northh'n	Pottecasy,	4 50	5 "	1 50	11 "
	Dr. John Peele,	1 00			1 "
Wilks,	Brier Creek,	2 50	2 50	5 00	10 "
Hayw'd.	Waynesville,	4 25	4 25	4 25	12 75
Meck'bg.	Charlotte,	5 67	5 66	5 67	17 00
Camden,	Sawyer's Creek,	6 00	50	3 50	10 "
	Shiloh,	3 87	8 13		12 "
Gates,	Piney Grove,	2 17	2 16	2 17	6 50
	David Riddick,		1 00		1 00
	Willie Riddick,	1 00			1 "
	Elizabeth Granberry,			1 00	1 "
Rowan,	Isaac N. Frost,	10 00			10 "
Caswell	Country line,	2 00	3 00	4 00	9 "
Halifax,	Conoconary,	4 50	3 50	10 "	18 "
	Dr. M. Wilcox,	2 00		3 "	5 "
Bolivar,	Nathaniel G. Smith,	2 00	2 00	2 "	6 "
Pitt,	Redding S. Blount,	5 00		5 "	10 "
	James Thomas, (Agent,)	4 00	4 00	4 "	12 "
Surry,	By Wm. Richards,	1 84	1 83	1 83	5 50
Iredell,	New Hope,	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
	Society Church,	3 00	6 00	3 00	12 "
Lincoln,	Bro. Baily,	1 00			1 "
	D. Warlick,	1 00			1 "
	W. Covington,	1 00			1 "
	Name unknown,	1 00			1 "
Hertford,	Parker's M. H.	7 17	7 16	5 67	20 "
	Mrs. Dupree,	50			50
	Uridice Miller,			5 00	5 00
	Francis Poindexter,			5 "	5 "
	Conaritsey,	9 50			9 50
Pasqut'k	Salem Church,	2 00	10 00		12 00
Perqui's.	Charles W. Skinner,	10 00			10 "
Guilford,	Jamestown,	2 20	4 00		6 20
Stokes,	New Friendship,		3 75		3 75
Rando'h,	Larkin Terry,		5 00		5 00
	Susan Swaim,		1 "		1 "
Duplin,	George Hufham,	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 "
Donat'ns to Wm. Kimsey,	E. Hightower,	1 00			1 "
	Cane Creek,	2 50	28		2 78
Donat'ns to Elias Davis,	L. Mears,	2 20	2 00	1 00	5 20
	Names unknown,	2 31			2 31
	E. Davis,	3 00	1 00	1 00	5 00

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Donat'ns to Wm. Richards	Thomas Brown,	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 00
	A Friend,	50			50
	Mrs. Brown,	50			50
	Sister Phillips,	75			75
	Collection on Sabbath,	13 71	13 71	13 71	41 13
		$342 71	400 45	251 34	994 50

Included in the sum for Foreign Missions, is the sum of two dollars and seventy-three cents for African Missions, and one hundred and fifty dollars specially for the Burmah Mission.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, Chairman.

(P.)

REPORT ON THE TREASURY.

1834.	The Treasurer, Dr.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
Nov. 6	To balance on hand, Nov. 7, 1833,	508 40	327 86	394 81	1231 08
	To donat'n from R. Ramsaw,		1 00		1 00
	To do. from a sister to Board,		40		40
	To bro. Piland, by sundry persons in his section, & paid to the Board,	6 00	6 00	6 00	18 00
	To Sabbath collection at the Board in May last,	7 34	7 33	7 33	22 "
	To am't rec'd from Committee on Contributions, sent to this meeting,	342 71	400 45	251 34	994 50
		$864 45	743 04	659 48	2266 98
1833.	Contra.				
Mar. 19	By am't paid Heman Lincoln, Treas'r. of Baptist Gen. Con. U. States,		300 00		300 00
	By prem. on bill of exchange		77		77
	By postage on Letter,		25		25
May 5	By do. E. J. Hale, printing last Minutes,	26 03	22 68	21 29	70 00
	By do. J. Purify for expenses of brethren Connely and Jones, per order,			67 06	67 06
	By do. J. Purify for expenses of bro. Benj. Brown, per order,			25 00	25 00
	By do. G. W. Purify for Miss. Service,	35 70			35 70
	By postage on his Letter,	10			10

May 5.	By do. Wm. Crenshaw, for expenses of brethren Edwards and Pierce,			60 00	60 00
	By do. W. Crenshaw for bro. W. Jones,			50 "	50 "
	By do. bro. Mills Piland, for Miss. Service,	65 00			65 "
1834. Nov. 6	By do. paid Jno. Culpeper, our Agent,	100 "	62 50	100 "	262 50
	By do. J. Thomas, our do.	100 "	47 50	100 "	247 50
	By do. Wm. J. Finlay, for Miss Service,	60 "			60 00
	By do. Wm. Kimsey, do. do.	40 "			40 "
	By do. G. W. Purify, do. do.	15 "			15 "
	By do. Elias Davis, do. do.	50 "			60 "
	By do. W. Richards, do. do.	60 "			60 "
	By do. Mills Piland, do. do.	12 "			12 "
	By do. W. Crenshaw for W. Jones,			50 00	50 "
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And money in current notes,					324 70
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

REDDING S. BLOUNT, CHAIRMAN.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Institution shall be called the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved of by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of this State; and a co-operation with the Baptist General Convention of the United States in the promotion of Missions in general.

Art. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

Art. 4. This Institution shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such Associations, Churches, and Societies, as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

Art. 5. Every Association, Church, Society, or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one Delegate who shall be a member of the Baptist Church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

Art. 6. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, who, with thirty others, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Corresponding Secretary shall be required to correspond with Societies, or individuals, so far as the interests of the Convention shall require; and the Recording Secretary shall preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of the receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

Art. 8. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, at such place as it shall from time to time designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the different objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

Art. 9. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations and Churches, &c. and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably with the provisions of the Constitution.

Art. 10. The Convention shall held its meetings annually, commencing Friday preceding the first Lord's day in November, at such place as it shall from time to time direct.

Art. 11. The Convention shall require of its Board, a specific report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

Art. 12. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.